

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Case No.: 1:22-mj-310

vs.

COMPLAINT
PENALTY SHEET

VIRGIL CHANDLER KNOWLES III and
SAMANTHA JEAN BATTS,

Defendant.

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Count 1 – Sexual Exploitation of a Child (both defendants)
18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e)

Minimum Penalty: Mandatory 15 years in prison
[18 U.S.C. § 3571]

Maximum Penalty: 30 years in prison and/or \$250,000 fine
[18 U.S.C. § 3571]

Supervised Release: Not less than 5 years and up to life
[18 U.S.C. § 3583(k)]

Special Assessment: \$100
[18 U.S.C. § 3013]

Additional Special
Assessments: \$5,000 + not more than \$50,000
[18 U.S.C. § 3014; 18 U.S.C. 2259A]

Restitution: Amount of direct and proximate harm
[18 U.S.C. § 3663]

Mandatory
[18 U.S.C. § 3663A]

Forfeiture: none

Count 2 – Distribution of Child Pornography (Defendant KNOWLES only)
18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)

Minimum Penalty: Mandatory 5 years in prison
[18 U.S.C. § 2252A(b)]

Maximum Penalty: 20 years in prison and/or \$250,000 fine
[18 U.S.C. § 2252A(b)]

Supervised Release: Not less than 5 years and up to life
[18 U.S.C. § 3583(k)]

Special Assessment: \$100
[18 U.S.C. § 3013]

Additional Special Assessments: \$5,000 + not more than \$17,000
[18 U.S.C. § 3014; 18 U.S.C. 2259A]

Restitution: Amount of direct and proximate harm
[18 U.S.C. § 3663]

Mandatory
[18 U.S.C. § 3663A]

Forfeiture: none

Date: July 15, 2022

/s/ Austin J. Hakes
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